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SUBJECT: GOC CONTINUES INVESTIGATION OF LOCKHEED SCANDAL

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1. THE GOC HAS CONTINUED INVESTIGATIONS OF CHARGES THAT LOCKHEED AIRCRAFT REPRESENTATIVES BRIBED GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN CONNECTION WITH THE PURCHASE OF C-130 AIRCRAFT. HOWEVER, THERE ARE SOME INDICATIONS THAT THE PACE OF THE INVESTIGATION IS SLOWING DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS NOT YET RECEIVED THE DOCUMENTATION REQUESTED FROM THE U.S. SENATE DIRECTLY AND ALSO INDIRECTLY THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT. CHIEF GOC INVESTIGATOR FRANCISCO CHAVEZ HAS VOICED AN URGENT APPEAL FOR THE DOCUMENTATION, WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS ESSENTIAL FOR THE SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF THE INVESTIGATION. ACCORDING TO TODAY'S PRESS, THE COLOMBIAN SENATE HAS SENT A SECOND MESSAGE TO THE U.S. SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE REQUESTING COPIES OF PERTINENT DOCUMENTS.

2. THE CASE IS ALSO RECEIVING REGULAR ATTENTION AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF THE COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT. PRESIDENT LOPEZ AND DEFENSE MINISTER VARON VALENCIA MET EARLIER

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THIS WEEK AND ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE NOTING THAT THE

COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT HAD REQUESTED INFORMATION FROM THE U.S. GOVERNMENT REGARDING THE CASE. THE COMMUNIQUE ALSO CALLED UPON LOCKHEED AIRCRAFT TO PROVIDE COPIES OF ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTS AND ADDED THAT COLOMBIA WOULD MAKE NO FURTHER PURCHASES OF AIRCRAFT FROM LOCKHEED UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE COMPANY PROVIDED "THE NAMES OF THE PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE BRIBERY ACTION, WHICH INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED BY THE COMPANY ITSELF TO A U.S. SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE."

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